

I am writing regarding Sinclair Broadcasting's plan to force their stations to air the anti-Kerry documentary Stolen Honor just days before the election. This is a perfect example of the dangerous effects of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is required to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves the public interest becomes secondary to their bottom line and their political views. We should have the opportunity to see real people involved in real events from our own communities instead of programs produced by large companies far away, programs which may reflect the political views of the owners but are promoted as "news."

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